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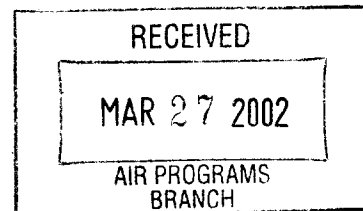
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Dear Mr. Skinner:

Pursuant to your request, Ohio EPA has developed an expeditious schedule for processing all its Title V applications that have been filed for more than 18 months on or before September 1, 2003. Please note that Ohio has provided a schedule that should complete the processing of all backlogged permits before the maximum time that USEPA may allow. In addition, we have attached the listing of all 351 remaining backlogged applications that we had not issued as final permits before January 1, 2002. Described below is the schedule Ohio is submitting with the required four milestones for USEPA's review and approval:

By 6/1/02

By 1/1/03

By 5/1/03

By 9/1/03

87 finals (25%)

175 finals (50%)

263 finals (75%)

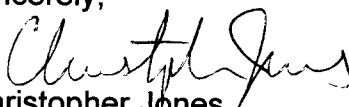
351 finals (100%)

We appreciated the assistance that your staff has provided to Ohio with respect to completing our important Title V permitting commitments. We look forward to the continued assistance that should lead to successfully meeting our proposed schedule.

I understand that failure to meet this schedule, including any of the three interim milestones, may result in USEPA issuing a Notice of Deficiency to Ohio's Title V operating permit program.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tom Rigo, Division of Air Pollution Control at 614/644-3626. In advance, we thank you for your prompt review and consideration of this important commitment.

Sincerely,


Christopher Jones
Director

Enclosures

Bob Taft, Governor
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Christopher Jones, Director